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Sir:

In advance of prosecution of the above-identified application, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

On December 12, 2001, upon filing the above-referenced application, a Preliminary Amendment was presented canceling the original claims and submitting new claims for consideration during prosecution.

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The Examiner is hereby notified that one or more of the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment may interfere with one or more claims of:

U.S. Patent No. 6,309,402, issued October 30, 2001 which is a continuation of application No. 08/478,192, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,965, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/326,023, filed on October 19, 1994, now abandoned; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,159,229, issued December 12, 2000, which is a division of application No. 08/478,192, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,965, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 08/326,023, filed October 19, 1994, now abandoned.

Copies of each of the '402, '229 and '965 patents are being submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed at even date herewith.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Communication, the undersigned would be pleased to address them by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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